

University of Maine School of Law presents the
2022 JUSTICE FOR WOMEN LECTURE



**The Struggle for a
More Equal World -
Why It's Essential and
How We Can Win**

PRESENTED BY

Winnie Byanyima

Executive Director of UNAIDS
and Under-Secretary-General
of the United Nations

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12:00 - 1:30 pm

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2022 Justice For Women Lecture

Welcome

Leigh I. Saufley

Dean, University of Maine School of Law

Courage is Contagious Award Presentation

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2022 Courage is Contagious Award Recipient

Chanbopha Himm

Program Officer, Maine DHHS COVID-19
Community Care/Social Support

Lecture Introduction

Deqa Dhalac

Mayor, City of South Portland

Lecture

Winnie Byanyima

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Closing Remarks and Q&A

Catherine Lee

Founder & Manager, Lee International

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Speaker Bios

Chanbopha Himm



Chanbopha, also known as Bopha or Chan, is a pillar in the Portland immigrant community. She dedicates her time and energy to supporting those who so often go unnoticed, and is an advocate for all women, empowering them to become the leaders they

are meant to be. Chan co-founded Unified Asian Communities (UAC), Cambodian Community Association of Maine (CCAM), and is a member of the Maine Public Health Association.

Chan currently works at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the COVID-19 Community Care Team as a Program Officer for COVID-19 Social Support. Her responsibilities include successful management of COVID-19 community care/social support and vaccination equity for the community through partnerships, transparent access plans, and collaboration with stakeholders.

Apart from her community involvement and her day job, she is a highly qualified medical Khmer (Cambodian) Translator. Most importantly, Chan is a proud mother of Nathan and Natalie, who she lovingly calls the highlights in her life.

Deqa Dhalac



Deqa Dhalac is the mayor of South Portland, a South Portland City Councilor representing district 5, and the Family Engagement and Cultural Responsiveness Specialist for the Maine Department of Education. She is a passionate advocate for

the immigrant community with extensive experience in social services, public health, and community building. She is a leader in the Somali Community Center of Maine, and a Board member for Northern Light Mercy Hospital, I am Your Neighbor Books, and Emerge Maine. Deqa is the co-founder of Cross-Cultural Community Services where she and her colleagues provide cultural competency trainings to organizations in Maine to help them better understand the challenges BIPOC communities go through. Deqa believes everyone should have the opportunity to access quality education, healthy food, safe and affordable housing and a clean environment to thrive in, no matter where they are from or what ethnicity they have.

Deqa is originally from Somalia East Africa; she came to the United States in 1992 and has three children. Deqa holds a master's degree in Development Policy and Practice from the University of New Hampshire and master's in Social Work from the University of New England. She is a certified language tester and cultural skill trainer and has been providing broad mediation for clients in different settings with service providers to ensure unmet needs of immigrant communities.

Speaker Bios

Winnie Byanyima

Winnie Byanyima is the Executive Director of UNAIDS and an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. A passionate and longstanding champion of social justice and gender equality, Ms. Byanyima leads the United Nations' efforts to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030. Ms. Byanyima believes that health care is a human right and was an early champion of a People's Vaccine against the coronavirus that is available and free of charge to everyone, everywhere.

Before joining UNAIDS, Ms. Byanyima served as the Executive Director of Oxfam International, a confederation of 20 civil society organizations working in more than 90 countries worldwide, empowering people to create a future that is secure, just and free from poverty. She was also elected to serve three terms in the parliament of her country, Uganda. She led Uganda's first parliamentary women's caucus, championing ground-breaking gender equality provisions in the country's 1995 post-conflict constitution.

Ms. Byanyima led the establishment of the African Union Commission's Directorate of Gender and Development, served as Director of Gender and Development at the United Nations Development Programme, and founded the Forum for Women in



Democracy, an influential Ugandan nongovernmental organization. Ms. Byanyima has been deeply involved in building global and African coalitions on social justice issues. A global leader on issues of inequality, Ms. Byanyima has co-chaired the World Economic Forum and served on the World Bank's Advisory Council on Gender and Development, the International Labour Organization's Global Commission on the Future of Work and the Global Commission on Adaptation.

Ms. Byanyima is a recipient of several awards, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, an honorary doctorate from Mount Saint Vincent University, Canada, and the 2018 Human Rights and Solidarity among Peoples Prize, awarded by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences. She holds a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cranfield University and an undergraduate degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Manchester.

Ms. Byanyima is married and has one son. She loves birds, gardening, and hiking. Ms. Byanyima has seven given names, one of which is Kyegiragire, which means "I can make myself whatever I want to be." Ms. Byanyima says this has shaped her attitude to life!

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Courage is Contagious Award: Donna Loring

2020: Emtithal “Emi” Mahmoud (Sudan) [cancelled due to COVID]

Courage is Contagious Award: Blanca Santiago,

Portland Public Schools

2019: Maria Luisa Aguilar Rodriguez (Mexico)

Courage is Contagious Award: Lucky Hollander,

Hopeful Links

2018: Mariam Jalabi (Syria)

Courage is Contagious Award: Dr. Joyce Taylor Gibson,

Dean, USM Lewiston-Auburn

2017: Zainah Anwar (Malaysia)

Courage is Contagious Award: Janine L. Roberts,

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2016: Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda (Zimbabwe)

Courage is Contagious Award: Catherine Lee,

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2015: Ruchira Gupta (India)

2014: Dr. Sima Samar (Afghanistan)

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